

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBAC WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY

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Dear Sanctuary Volunteers,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, we would like to thank you for your support. Your commitment, time, and energy allow the program to continuously grow and expand. In your role as a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) volunteer, your contribution will strengthen the sanctuary's efforts to increase resource protection in Hawai'i.

The sanctuary is jointly managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and the State of Hawai'i Department of Land and Natural Resources, which creates a unique partnership for protection. Through education, outreach, research, and resource protection activities, the sanctuary strives to protect humpback whales and their habitat in Hawai'i.

Volunteer involvement is a key component to many sanctuary programs. Volunteers are engaged in a variety of activities where they serve as naturalists, shoreline observers, educators, and citizen scientists. They also support resource protection efforts, administrative tasks, and facilities projects. As the sanctuary moves forward in expanding its programs, we look forward to further developing volunteer opportunities and we hope you will be a part of the sanctuary's future. We know how valuable your time is and appreciate you sharing it with us. Thank you for being a part of the sanctuary 'ohana.

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